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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the slight decline in U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, from \$2,294.2 million in September to \$2,278.4 million in October reflected decreases in the value of imports from some world areas which were largely offset by increases from other areas¹².

Among world areas showing decreases in imports were Japan, Asia (excluding Japan, etc.), Africa, and Australia and Oceania. Decreases in imports from these areas were partly offset by sizable increases in imports from Canada and Western Europe. By continent, decreases were reported for Asia, Africa, South America, and Australia and Oceania while increases were reported for North America and Europe.

Among individual countries showing decreases in imports from September to October were Japan (noted above), the Philippines, the Republic of South Africa, Brazil, and New Zealand, Increases were reported in imports from Mexico, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

10n a seasonally adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at \$2,260.2 million in October as compared to \$2,310.5 million in September. (See the October issued of Report FT 900-I) Seasonally adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

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2 Month-to-month changes in imports and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Cumulations of data over 3-or 4-month periods are usually desirable to identify underlying trends.

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COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: The country reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined, or manufactured. In instances where it is known that the country of origin cannot be determined, the transactions are credited to the country of shipment.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally

as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data. For the period January 1964-June 1965, formal entries valued under \$100 and all informal entries valued \$250 and under were sampled. Effective with the statistics for July 1965, all formal and informal entries valued \$250 and under are being sampled. As before, therefore, the statistics in this report are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or, effective July 1965, generally less than 2-percent (less than 1-percent prior to July 1965) of the individual totals shown.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1966 are as originally issued except as noted in footnotes below. Figures for 1965 include revisions published with the December 1965 reports, or earlier, and certain changes as noted in the asterisk (*) footnote below, but do not include revisions published during 1966. Consult EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS on front page of this report for information of valuation, coverage other definitions, the handling of low-value shipments and sampling variability. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amount)

	1966			1965	
Area, continent, and country ¹	October	September	January- October	January- October	
TOTAL	2 278.4	2 294•2	21 063.0	*17 340.	
CANADA	560 • 1 354 • 8 68 • 1 712 • 5	537.4 351.3 57.8 670.4	4 966,1 3 327,4 615,1 6 259,3	3 913.5 2 953.6 570.5 4 928.5	
OECD COUNTRIES IN EUROPE ^d	699.5 382.4 174.6	656.9 364.6 166.0	6 112.9 3 367.3 1 441.7	4 806 e 2 676 e 1 102 e	
OTHER OECD COUNTRIES IN EUROPE,	142.5 13.0 16.2 0.3 255.8	126.3 13.5 14.3 0.4 281.5	1 303.9 146.4 147.6 3.1 2 464.5	1 026. 122. 111. 3. 1 960.	
ASIA+ EX NORTH VIET-NAM+ CHINA+ OUTER MONGOLIA+ NORTH KOREA AND JAPAN	182.8 54.0 72.9 0.8	225.8 64.3 90.0 0.9	1 934.5 508.0 830.4 7.1	1 705。 380。 704。 9。	
NORTH AMERICA	728•2	675.3	6 561.6	5 329	
GREENLAND D	13.5 1.4 13.5 0.2	0.9 537.4 0.1 48.9 3.7 1.2 3.5 5.9 1.8 3.0 6.1 (Z) 0.1 1.6 - 12.1 1.1 12.2 0.1 0.3 9.4 25.9	5.5 4 966.1 .7 614.2 68.1 3.1 36.7 74.8 26.1 48.3 56.8 .7 1.7 21.1 - 113.6 16.2 105.4 2.0 3.0 139.0 251.8 6.8	3. 3 913. 0. 508. 53. 55. 41. 58. 29. 47. 0. 1. 20. (Z	
SOUTH AMERICA	254.9	271.2	2 346.9	2 108.	
COLOMBIA ^a	11.8 27.1 2.4 19.6 79.3 1.6	20.6 70.8 1.6 4.1 0.3 8.5 34.6 3.7 24.9 ** 87.8 1.1 1.1	210.6 840.8 18.9 43.1 3.4 81.1 257.4 24.3 192.9 510.6 10.9 28.7 123.4	218 • 840 • 160 • 27 • 2 • 88 • 187 • 24 • 174 • 1386 • 100 • 32 • 100 • •	
EUROPE	728.7	684.7	6 406.9	5 039 • 2	
ICELANO d f	2.4 26.5 9.4 8.6	2.8 20.5 12.1 8.0	17.7 239.8 106.0 80.2	16.7 186.7 100.2 67.8	

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Area, continent, and country ¹	1966			1965	
	October	September	January- October	January- October	
EUROPECONT INUED					
DENMARK [©] d	16.9	16.2	167.7	116.6	
TRELAND (FIRE) G a J	174.6	166.0	1 441.7 73.6	1 102.8	
NETHERLANDS C d C	29.0	32.7 45.5	263.7 468.0	205 · 1 402 · 5	
NETHERLANDS G d e BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG G d e FRANCE G d e	53.9 65.0	56.6	574.9	499.6	
WEST GERMANY ^{d d e} · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	163.3	169.4	1 457.4	1 076•5 5•0	
AUSTRIA & d f	7.9 2.1	8.3	66.7	54 • 1 13 • 8	
	0.2	0.2	2.6	1.7	
HUNGARY"	39.5 (Z)	32.4 (Z)	312.4	243•2 (Z)	
LATVIA ^A	(Z)		•1 (Z)	(Z) (Z)	
LITHUANIA ^h	7.8	6.4	68.7	54.3	
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS "	4.4	3.1	41.3	33.4 1.1	
AZORES G G	14.2	14.5	130.0 63.2	109.0 45.7	
	4.9 (Z)	(Z)	•3	0.3	
MALTA AND GOZO ^{C g}	0.3	0.3	2.4 603.3	0•6 493•0	
FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE ³ od g	-	5.1	61.8	0.4 51.3	
A: BANIA?	3.9	(Z)	•1	0.1	
GREECE G A J	2.3	2.6	44.8 3.6	40 • 1 1 • 5	
BULGARIA h	0 • 1	0.2	1.8 82.1	1.2 72.2	
CYPRUS ¢ g	2.8	(2)	•7	1.1	
ASIA	438.9	507.7	4 402•1	3 669.4	
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	0.2	0.8	3.8	3.4 4.7	
IRAQ	0.6	0.8	7•3 17•1	14.6	
IRAN (PERSIA)	9.7	7.5	93.3 65.3	69 • 1 52 • 0	
PALESTINE ⁴	-	_ (Z)	-	(Z) 0•2	
GAZA STRIP*	0 · 1	(Z)	•2	(Z)	
KUWAIT	3.4	3.7	21.8 83.4	40 • C	
ARABIA PENINSULA STATES: N.E.C	1 • 4	4.3 (Z)	27 · 1 1 · 0	34 • 8 0 • 2	
BAHRAIN	0 · 1 (Z)	0.1	2.3	1.5	
INDIA	0.1	0 • 2 30 • 5	10.7 274.1	10 • 2 286 • 9	
GOA: DAMAU: AND DIU	6.3	6.1	(Z) 57.7	0 • 1 36 • 9	
NEPAL	0 • 1	0.2	•8	0.3	
BURMA	3.2	3.1	28.6	0.9	
THAILAND (SIAM)	5.0	6.2	65.8	21.4	
SOUTH VIET-NAM ⁵	0.2	0.2	1.9	}	
CAMBODIA	(Z) 0•1	(Z) 0•2	1.2	0.3	
MALAYSIA 6	13.4	16.4	143.8 13.1	166.5	
INDONESTA	13.6	15.1	150.9	135.7 300.7	
MACAO (MACAU)	22.2	45.2	341.0 3.2	1.8	
SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN ASIA+ N.E.C	0.1		•2	0.:	
OUTER MONGOLIA	0.2	0.4	3.0	3.	
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	8.2	8.5	(Z) 70•9	(Z) 40•5	
HONG KONG	41.9 8.3	45.0	340.9 97.8	278 • 6 74 • 8	
JAPAN	255.8	281.5	2 464.5	1 960.9	
NANSEI AND NANPO ISLANDST NoE.C	0.5	0.7	6.6	7.	

See footnotes at end of table.



U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS, BY AREA AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: OCTOBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS-Continued

Area, continent, and country			1966		1965
AUSTRALIA	Area, continent, and country ¹	October	September		
NEW GUINEA NEW ZEALAND AND WESTERN SAMOA. REATISH WESTERN PACIFIC ISLANDS. RITISH WESTERN PACIFIC ISLANDS. REATISH WEST AFRICA? REATISH WEST AF	AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA	54.0	64.3	508.0	380
MOROCCO. ALGERIA. (Z) O.1 1.8 5.2 TUNISIA. (Z) O.8 2.7 4.4 1.1 UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT) SUDAN. (A) CANARY ISLANDS. SPANISH AFRICA. (B) GUINEA (C) (C) MAURITANIA (C) (C) MAURITANIA (C) (C) MAURITANIA (C) MAURITAN	NEW GUINEA NEW ZEALAND AND WESTERN SAMOA BRITISH WESTERN PACIFIC ISLANDS FRENCH PACIFIC ISLANDS	0 • 4 8 • 3 2 • 2 (Z)	0.5 19.7 0.2 (2)	3.2 157.3 4.9 3.9	1 112 5 0
ALGERIA. (2) 0.1 1.8 5 TUNISIA. (2) 0.8 2.7 4.4. LIBYA	AFRICA	72.9	90•0	830.4	704
UGANDA	ALGERIA. TUNISIA. LIBYA. UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT) SUDAN. CANARY ISLANDS SPANISH AFRICA, N.E.C. MAURITANIA FEDERAL REPUBLIC DF CAMERDDN SENEGAL. GUINEA SIERRA LEDNE IVORY COAST. GAMBIA? TOGO . NIGERIA. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC GABON. WESTERN AFRICA, N.E.C. BRITISH WEST AFRICA? MADEIRA ISLANDS. ANGOLA WESTERN PORTUGUESE AFRICA, N.E.C. LIBERIA. CONGD (KINSHASA) BURUNDI AND RWANDA SOMALI REPUBLIC. ETHIDPIA FRENCH SDMALILAND UGANDA KENYA. SEYCHELLES AND DEPENDENCIES TANZANIA MAURITIUS AND DEPENDENCIES TANZANIA MAURITIUS AND DEPENDENCIES TANZANIA MAURITIUS AND DEPENDENCIES MOZAMBIQUE MALAGASY REPUBLIC. REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ZAMBIA?	(Z) (Z) (6.8 6.8 6.3 1.1 (2) (2) (2) 1.3 (2) 3.4 3.6 (2) (2) (2) 3.8 1.4 0.1 0.1 0.5 3.7 7 0.5 3.7 7 0.2 (2) 0.5 3.7 7 0.2 (2) (2) (2) (3) (2) (2) (2) (2) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (6) (7) (7) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8	0.1 0.8 3.0 1.1 0.5 0.2 - (Z) 1.6 0.2 4.1 1.6 (Z) 0.1 2.7 0.3 1.3 1.5 (Z) 4.3 4.1 5.3 (Z) 4.3 4.1 5.3 (Z) 4.3 4.1 5.3 (Z) 4.3 4.3 4.1 5.3 (Z) 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3	7.9 1.8 2.7 51.1 15.5 5.3 2.2 1.3 22.9 1.3 22.9 1.3 22.9 1.3 21.1 47.0 9.5 10.9 7.6 6.6 3.7 41.4 2.8 71.2 38.4 14.0 0.6 4D.5 49.5 18.1 1.2 13.8 17.4 12.10.4 1.3	55, 54, 27, 144, 55, 60, 60, 60, 60, 60, 60, 60, 60, 60, 60
MALAWI 8					9.

*The over-all January-October 1965 total os shown in this report ogrees with the sum of the Jonuary-October over-all monthly totals shown shown in the October Report FT 900-I but does not agree with the sum of the corresponding area, continent, and country detail shown here.

Monthly coverage adjustments were made by the Bureau in the July-December over-all totals in an attempt to remove the effect of abnormalities in monthly receipts of statistical documents during that period. Adjusted totals for each of the six months are shown in Table 1 of October FT 900-I. Information in sufficient detoil to make corresponding adjustments in area, continent, and country dota is not available.

- **Includes imports of crude coffee valued at approximately \$14 million which would normally have been included in the August statistics.
- † Revised.
- Represents zero.
- a-iCountries included in each area are identified with the same literal footnote as the area.

4 Country designation "Gaza Strip" estoblished May 1965. Formerly included under the designation "Palestine" which became obsolete

May 1965.

Sountry designations "North Viet-Nam" and "South Viet-Nam" established January 1966. These areas were formerly included under the designation "Viet-Nam."

Country designation "Singapore" established January 1966. Formerly included with other countries under "Malaysia."

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7 Country designation "Gambia" established January 1966. Formerly included with other countries under "British West Africo."

8 "Zambia," "Rhodesia (Southern Rhodesia)," and "Malawi" shown separately beginning with the statistics for January 1966. Formerly data for these countries were shown under the designation "Zambio (formerly Northern Rhodesio), Southern Rhodesia, and Malawi."

9 This is an arbitrary cotegory established to cover data for "low-value" shipments from certain countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries. Further information on "low-value" shipments is contained in the RELIABILITY statement on the front page of this report.

¹ For definitions of areas and countries as used in this report, see the notice in the "Special Announcements" section of the January 1966 issue of Report FT 420 which lists the major trading areas and the individual countries included in each and the current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics.

2 Country designation "Guyana" established June 1966. (formerly British Guiana)

Seffective with the stotistics for Jonuary 1966, the country designation "Free Territory of Trieste," administered jointly by Italy and Yugoslavio, became obsolete. The information shown for Italy and Yugoslavia for January 1966 and subsequent periods includes data on shipments to portions of the "Territory" administered by each.